Resources Earmarked for Social Sector

1434. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefits of the resources earmarked for social sector schemes are percolating to the weaker sections very slowly; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and

(b) The resources earmarked for social sector schemes yield benefits which percolate to all the sections of population including weaker sections. The figures of plan outlay/expenditure on social sector during 1992-93, 1993-94, and 1994-95 are given below:

Plan outlay/Expenditure on Social Sector (at 1991-92 prices)

(Rs. in crores)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Actual/Revised Estimate (RE)/Budget Estimate (BE)	6967 (Actual)	9474 (RE)	10370 (BE)

The 'Social Sector' here relates to Rural Development. Health, Family Welfare, Education, Water Supply and Sanitation. Housing, welfare of SCs and STs, Social Security and Others (viz. Sport and Youth Service, Art and Culture, Urban Development, Information and Publicity, Broadcasting, Labour and Employment, Nutrition, etc.). The target groups under schemes pertaining to welfare of SCs and STs, Rural Development, etc., mostly belong to weaker sections of society.

कोकिंग कोल का आवंटन

1435. **श्री नरेश यादव:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कि कोकिंग कोल का राज्य-वार वर्तमान अवंटन क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा): इस संबंध में शायद माननीय सदस्य महोदय विभिन्न राज्यों को घरेलू प्रयोग के लिए आवंटित किए गए साफ्ट कोक तथा "सिल-कोक" के मामले को संदर्भगत कर रहे हैं। अप्रैल, 1995 से मार्च, 1996 की अवधि के लिए विभिन्न राज्यों को किए गए साफ्ट कोक तथा "सिल-कोक" के मासिक आवंटनो का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

(आंकड़े '000 टन में)

राज्य	साफ्ट कोक	सिलकोक	जोड़
दिल्ली	1.5	7.5	9.0
पश्चिम बंगाल	10.83	54.17	65.0
जम्मू एवं कश्मीर	0.42	2.08	2.5
बिहार	10.00	50.00	60.00
हिमाचल प्रदेश	0.42	2.08	2.5
उत्तर प्रदेश	3.33	16.67	20.00
उड़ीसा	0.30	1.50	1.8
असम	0.16	0.84	1.0
सिक्कम	0.17	0.63	1.0
अरूणाचल प्रदेश	0.02	0.08	0.1
मिजोरम	0.04	0.21	0.25
नागालैंड	0.17	0.83	1.0
त्रिपुरा	0.09	0.41	0.5
मणिपुर	0.02	0.08	0.1
मध्य प्रदेश	0.92	4.08	5.00
मेघालय	0.02	0.08	0.1
महाराष्ट्र	0.33	1.67	2.0
गुजरात	0.33	1.67	2.0
जोड़:	29.07	144.78	173.85

Child Labour in Gem Polishing Industry

1436. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of children are engaged in gem polishing industry in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is highly health hazardous;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the children are not covered by any laws and are highly exploited; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Hazardous occupations and processes have been listed in Parts A and B of the Schedule to Child does not include the occupation of gem polishing. However, considering the nature of the job in precious stone polishing, a Notification was issued in 1992 to apply the provision of Part III of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 for purpose of regulation of condition of work of children working this occupation.

Import/Export of Sugar

1437. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quanitty and CIF/FOB price-wise details of sugar imported each month in 1994-95 by agencies like FCI, MMTC, STC and others;

(b) the name of foreign agency and Indian counterpart related with the transactions; and

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-time "Evidence supports sugar scam charge" published in the Economic Times of the 14th July, 1995 and if so, the factual position is this regard;

(d) whether Government have permitted export of imported or indigenous sugar in 1994-95 and so far in 1995-96 and if so, the price quality and other details; and

(e) how the country is placed in 1995 in terms of demand and supply position?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government allowed import of sugar under Open General Licence during 1994. Under this scheme Public Sector Undertakings viz. STC/MMTC have imported sugar to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System. No sugar has been imported by Food Corporation of India. Besides this, various private parties have also imported sugar as per their best comercial judgement, the details of which are not available.

Information regarding quantity and Cif/FOB price-wise details of sugar imported by STC & MMTC, as now furnished by them are as under:—

S.T.C.

Month	Quantity MTs (Provisional)	Weighted average CIF Price Rs. PMT (Provisional)
June, 1994	29,924	13,235
July, 1994	25,008	12,933
August, 1994	82,457	12,509
September, 1994	78,300	12,273
October, 1994	1,43,850	12,338
November, 1994	97,495	12,364
December, 1994	13,650	11,936

M.M.T.C.

Month	Quantity MTs (Provisional)	Weighted average Price C&F F.O. (in US$/MT)
July, 1994	69,600.00	397.64
August, 1994	1,05,000.00	380.06
September, 1994	1,35,000.00	381.62
October, 1994	84,000.00	376.75
November, 1994	99,096.60	383.83
December, 1994	12,165.30	378.00

(b) The names of foreign agency and Indian counterparts related with the transactions as informed by STC & MMTC are as per Statement I and II (*See* below)

(c) The information is being collected.